

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 23, 2004

FROM: **PATRICK J. MEAD**, Director
Department of Public Works – **Flood Control**

SUBJECT: **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) EXEMPTION, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF A FLOOD CONTROL SPILLWAY BRIDGE IN THE WATERMAN FLOOD CONTROL BASIN IN THE SAN BERNARDINO AREA**

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing body for the Flood Control District (District):

1. Find that the project for the emergency replacement of a flood control spillway bridge in the Waterman Flood Control Basin is an exempt project under the CEQA Class 1, Section 15301(c) {Minor Alterations}.
2. Approve the project as defined in the Notice of Exemption (NOE) and direct the Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption.
3. Approve the project's plans and specifications.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As a result of the Southern California wildfires, which occurred during the Fall of 2003, the spillway bridge in Waterman Basin #2 was damaged and is in need of replacement. Accordingly, the District proposes to replace the damaged bridge with a new bridge structure. The work will be performed within the existing District right-of-way. Environmental staff of the Advance Planning Division of the Land Use Services Department has reviewed this item and recommended a categorical exemption for this project. This project qualifies for an exemption in accordance with CEQA guidelines Section 15301(c). An exempt project allows for minor repairs and alterations with negligible expansion of the existing use. As such, when the Board considers the environmental findings, the filing of a NOE is required. Board approval is also required to approve plans and specifications (which are on file with the District) for bids on local agency construction projects in accordance with Sections 20124 and 20125 of the California Public Contract Code.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico (387-5481) on November 2, 2004 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on November 10, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The actions to find the project categorically exempt, approve the plans and specifications, and authorize advertisement for bids have minimal financial impact. Upon receipt of a satisfactory bid, a recommendation of award of a contract will be forwarded to the Board as a separate action. The total project cost is estimated at \$148,000, which is expected to be funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 3rd

PRESENTER: Patrick J. Mead, 387-7906

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